Summary Lists of the Evolution of the Army Values, 1970 – present (as of: 1 Oct 18)

1970 - Westmoreland AWC Study of Military Professionalism – proposed Officers Creed:


1980 - Jan - GEN Donn A. Starry remarks, Georgia Military College ROTC

*Candor, Commitment, Courage, Competence*

1981 - Aug - FM 100-1 *The Army*

A professional ethic/Army Ethic of four enduring Army values and four Professional Soldierly Qualities:

*Values: Loyalty to the Institution, Loyalty to the Unit, Personal Responsibility, Selfless Service*

*Qualities: Commitment, Competence, Candor, Courage*


The first tier values –

Universal Soldier Values:

*Discipline and Stamina, Competence or Skill, Loyalty, Duty, Courage, and Bonding (the desired by-product)*

The second tier values –

National Values:


Professional Army Ethic – Soldier Values:

*Loyalty to the Institution, Loyalty to the Unit, Personal Responsibility, Selfless Service, Integrity*

Individual Values – Core Values:

*Commitment, Competence, Candor, Courage*

1986 - Aug - FM 100-1 *The Army*

Core values–the "professional Army ethic. With definitions of each value:

*Loyalty, Duty, Selfless Service, Integrity*

Individual Values:

*Commitment, Competence, Candor, Courage*

1991 - Dec - FM 100-1 *The Army*

The Army ethic consists of four professional values:

*Duty, Integrity, Loyalty, Selfless Service*

Soldier Values:

*Commitment, Competence, Candor, Courage*
The Army ethos:

**Duty, Integrity, Selfless Service**

Professional Qualities:

**Commitment, Competence, Candor, Compassion, Courage**

1995 - **Oct** - General Dennis Reimer – Army “Where We’ve Been-where we’re headed: Maintaining a Solid Framework while Building for the Future”

**Loyalty, Duty, Selfless Service, Courage, Integrity, Respect for Human Dignity, a Sense of Justice**

1996 – **May** - Character Development XXI Workshop

Goal 1 – Define Enduring Army Values

Goal 2 – Integrate Character Development policy, assessment, training, education and marketing initiatives into current Army programs and responsibilities.

DCSPER serves as proponent for Character Development policy and program.


Leaders of character and competence live these values: [First expression–Seven Army Values]

**Honor, Integrity, Selfless Service, Courage, Loyalty, Duty, Respect**

1997 - **May** - CSA Letter to Army General Officers – Army Values

**Duty, Integrity, Loyalty, Selfless Service, Courage, Respect, Honor**

1997 - **Jul** - CSA Memorandum for All Army Leaders.

Seven inherent values:

**Duty, Honor, Courage, Integrity, Loyalty, Respect, Selfless Service**

1997 - **Sep** - Army White Paper, *Leadership and Change in a Values-Based Army*

**Honor, Respect, Duty, Courage, Loyalty, Integrity, Selfless Service**


**Honor, Integrity, Courage, Loyalty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Duty**


1998 – **Oct** - AR 690-400 *Chapter 4302 Total Army Performance Evaluation System* DA Values and Ethics: [Final expression–reordered Seven Army Values]

**Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage**

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L-D-R-S-H-I-P. It spells leadership.

**1999 – Aug** – FM 22-100 *Army Leadership-Be, Know, Do*

Seven Army Values Acronym – **LDRSHIP**

*Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage*

**2001 – Dec** - AR 623-205 *Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Reporting System*


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**2015 – Jun** - ADRP 1 *The Army Profession* – including the Army Ethic (with Army Values highlighted).

**The Army Ethic**

*The Heart of the Army*

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*This We'll Defend.*

Living the Army Ethic inspires our shared identity as trusted Army professionals with distinctive roles as *honorable servants,* *Army experts,* and *stewards of the profession.* To honor these obligations we adopt, live by, and uphold the moral principles of the Army Ethic. Beginning with our solemn oath of service as defenders of the Nation, we voluntarily incur the extraordinary moral obligation to be trusted Army professionals.

**Honorable Servants of the Nation—Professionals of Character:**

- We serve honorably—according to the Army Ethic—under civilian authority while obeying the laws of the Nation and all legal orders; further, we reject and report illegal, unethical, or immoral orders or actions. **HONOR-LOYALTY**
- We take pride in honorably serving the Nation with integrity, demonstrating character in all aspects of our lives. **SERVICE-INTEGRITY**
- In war and peace, we recognize the intrinsic dignity and worth of all people, treating them with respect. **RESPECT**
- We lead by example and demonstrate courage by doing what is right despite risk, uncertainty, and fear; we candidly express our professional judgment to subordinates, peers, and superiors. **COURAGE**
Army Experts—Competent Professionals:
- We do our duty, leading and following with discipline, striving for excellence, putting the needs of others above our own, and accomplishing the mission as a team. DUTY-SERVICE
- We accomplish the mission and understand it may demand courageously risking our lives and justly taking the lives of others. COURAGE-SERVICE
- We continuously advance the expertise of our chosen profession through life-long learning, professional development, and our certifications. DUTY-SERVICE

Stewards of the Army Profession—Committed Professionals:
- We embrace and uphold the Army Values and standards of the profession, always accountable to each other and the American people for our decisions and actions. INTEGRITY
- We wisely use the resources entrusted to us, ensuring our Army is well led and well prepared, while caring for Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Families. RESPECT
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